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## Green Initiative Update

### Green Initiative Update

Several of Mountain View's environmental initiatives work to reduce both pollution and energy-related costs. Efforts range from curbing greenhouse gas emissions to limiting landfill dumping. Here is an update on five of the City's ongoing 'green' projects.

### Environmental Sustainability Task Force

After seven months of work, the City's Environmental Sustainability Task Force issued its Final Report in September. More than 60 residents and local business people served on the Task Force, generating 89 recommendations aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and helping to make Mountain View more environmentally sustainable. The Final Report detailing these recommendations is available on the City's Environmental Sustainability web site at [www.sustainablemountainview.org](http://www.sustainablemountainview.org).



### Environmental Purchasing Policy

In October, the City Council approved an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy designed to demonstrate the City's commitment to environmental stewardship and human health and safety. From appliance efficiency to cleaning product toxicity, the new policy will make environmental considerations a standard part of the City's purchasing process.

### Construction and Demolition Ordinance

In August, the City Council adopted a Construction and Demolition Ordinance requiring demolition and construction projects greater than 5,000 sq. ft. to divert a minimum of 50% of debris from the landfill.

Currently, construction and demolition debris comprises between 9 and 13 percent of Mountain View's waste. For more information, call Solid Waste and Recycling at (650) 903-6311.

### Greenhouse Gas Inventory

The City has completed a 2005 community-wide greenhouse gas emissions inventory, which will set the baseline for efforts to reduce emissions 11% by 2010, 25% by 2020, and 80% by 2050. An emissions inventory of City facilities and operations is currently underway.

### Green Team

The City's internal Green Team has completed a list of strategies to reduce waste and resource consumption in City facilities and operations. The Team is now working with department and division heads to prioritize and implement as many of its recommendations as possible.

Mountain View  
received a City Solar Award from the  
Northern California Solar Energy Association  
this October. The Association provides  
information about the development of solar energy  
to industry professionals, policymakers,  
advocacy groups, and the general public.  
For more information  
check out [www.norcalssolar.org](http://www.norcalssolar.org)



## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

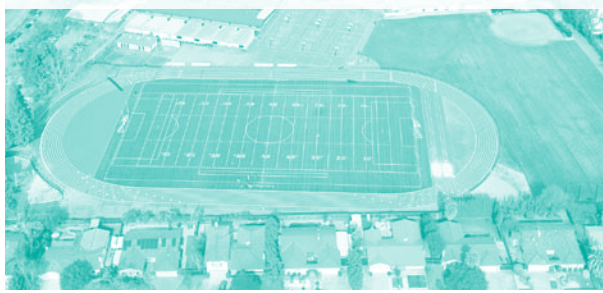


Come celebrate the holidays with friends and family at the **Mountain View Tree Lighting Celebration** on Monday, December 8, 2008, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro Street.

For more information on events, see page 7 of this issue of the *View*, visit [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov) or check out KMVT on cable.

Save the date to **Celebrate Arbor Day** on Saturday, March 14, 2009 in Pioneer Park.

## GRAHAM RESERVOIR PROJECT WINS THE HELEN PUTNAM AWARD



*Envisioning Mountain View—*

## General Plan Update



The General Plan is a comprehensive, long-range policy document describing how the community plans to address a wide range of issues and trends. This Fall, the City Council adopted the General Plan Visioning Report, completing the first phase in the process of updating Mountain View's General Plan. The Report includes a summary of the type of community that residents envisioned for the future during two citywide public meetings and 40 smaller community outreach meetings held during the past year. Their vision statement, along with related planning principles, will serve as the framework for updating the City's General Plan document.

The General Plan will cover all geographic areas of Mountain View and will offer a number of goals and strategies related to the City's social, financial, environmental, and physical development. The update process is expected to be complete by 2010 and will include a series of public hearings and community outreach meetings.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306 or E-mail: [community.dev@mountainview.gov](mailto:community.dev@mountainview.gov).

The League of California Cities honored Mountain View's new Graham Reservoir and Sports Complex with the prestigious Helen Putnam Award for Excellence. The award recognizes outstanding efforts and innovative solutions by city governments that enhance the quality of life, implement efficiencies in service delivery and operations, and provide services responsive to the local community. Of the nearly 500 cities eligible, Mountain View was the sole 2008 winner in the Public Works, Infrastructure, and Transportation Category.

Built as the result of a unique partnership between the City and the Mountain View-Whisman School District, the Graham Reservoir and Sports Complex combined the location and construction of two major projects:

- An 8-million gallon covered underground reservoir with a 1-million gallon per day groundwater well.
- New athletic amenities at Graham Middle School, including an all-weather track, synthetic turf soccer field/football field, and a natural turf multi-use field.

In exchange for the City building and maintaining the sports complex, the School District provides the location for the water reservoir and makes the sports facilities complex available for community use during non-school hours.

For more information, contact Kimberly S. Thomas, Assistant to the City Manager at (650) 903-6210.

Even during the rainy season drought conditions continue.

## How the Adopted State Budget Impacts City

In June, the Mountain View City Council adopted a balanced budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09. The General Operating Fund composes the largest portion of the budget and faces the greatest financial impacts from changes to the State budget, and has the most economically sensitive revenues.

The State budget, adopted late in September, reduced funds available to the City, but not to the degree it could have if certain protections were not in place: Proposition 1A limits the borrowing of local funds by the State, and a subsequent measure protects Proposition 42 revenues for local transportation infrastructure. The State budget has taken \$345,000 in Downtown Revitalization funds, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant funds have been reduced, and State-mandated booking fees have increased. The City has planned for these impacts and has sufficient reserves to absorb them without significantly affecting any current plans or projects.

However, future projects may be affected by the loss of these funds. There are potential continuing State impacts as the State reviews its budget at mid-year, and into Fiscal Year 2009-10. For more information, call the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301.

## DIGITAL TV CONVERSION IN 2009



In February of 2009, all full-power television stations in the United States will stop broadcasting in analog and switch to 100% digital broadcasting. If your TV is not connected to cable or satellite, you will need a convertor box to watch programming.

You can help defray the cost of a convertor box with a coupon provided by the Federal government. Each household is entitled to two \$40-coupons that can be applied toward the cost of eligible convertor boxes. For more information about how to obtain a coupon, call (888) 388-2009 or go online at [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov).

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**City Mission Statement**  
The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.

## CONSERVE WATER NOW

California is in a drought. Two consecutive years of extremely dry weather have left the water reserves on which Mountain View and other Bay Area water customers rely far below normal levels. Court-ordered restrictions on the amount of water that can be pumped out of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta may further reduce the amount of water available to water customers in Santa Clara County.

The City's two largest water suppliers, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and Santa Clara Valley Water District, have asked customers to voluntarily reduce their water usage by 10 percent. Water use is down only 3 percent. Mountain View water customers are conserving water, but much more needs to be done. If Mountain View customers don't begin conserving more water immediately, voluntary water conservation measures may become mandatory and even more severe.

The Winter rains may be coming, but the need to conserve water this Winter is as important as ever. The City of Mountain View strongly encourages all water customers to conserve water throughout the year. Suggestions on how to conserve water at home and at work are available on the City's website at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov) or call the City's Water Resources Technician at (650) 903-6269. Residents and local businesses are eligible to receive free low-flow shower heads, free aerators, and numerous rebates to fund money-saving, efficiency-enhancing home improvements.

### Winter Water Conservation Tips

Take advantage of rainy weather this Winter to help conserve water!

- Turn off your irrigation controller and let Mother Nature do your outdoor watering for you.
- Manually water your outdoor landscaping when possible.
- Turn your irrigation controller back on if it hasn't rained for a week or two (depending on how moist your soil is).
- Install a rain shut-off device on your automatic sprinklers to eliminate unnecessary watering.
- Apply mulch to gardens and shrubs. Mulching enriches and protects soil, and conserves moisture, reducing the need for watering.
- In February or March, inspect and repair your outdoor irrigation system to prepare for warmer spring weather.



Prepare for the possibility of storms this Winter by taking the following precautions early:

### Remove Fallen Leaves to Prevent Street Flooding

- Place leaves in your yard trimmings toter for pick-up. If one toter is not sufficient, a second toter can be ordered by calling Foothill Disposal at (650) 967-3034.
- Compost leaves and other plant debris. You can obtain information about composting and free composting workshops by contacting the City's Solid Waste Program at (650) 903-6311.
- Layer leaves in the roadway for pick-up by the streetsweeper on scheduled sweeping days. Layers must be less than 3 inches deep and 3 feet wide. Leaves left in piles in the roadway will not be picked-up.

### Obtain Sandbags When Necessary

Sand and sandbags are available at no charge to Mountain View residents at the City's Municipal Operations Center, 231 North Whisman Road. Bring a shovel to fill the sandbags.

### Report Flooding or Standing Water

Call the Public Services Division at (650) 903-6329 to report flooding or standing water during normal business hours. After hours or on weekends, call the City's Emergency Communications Center at (650) 903-6395.

During a storm, don't walk or drive past barricades or road signs warning of flooded areas, and avoid walking or driving through standing or running water.

### Report Downed Trees and Limbs

Report downed trees and limbs during normal business hours by calling the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273. After hours or on weekends, call the City's Emergency Communications Center at (650) 903-6395.

### Do Not Touch Downed Power Lines

Assume all downed power lines are dangerous and call both 911 and PG&E at (800) 743-5000 immediately. Stay tuned to your local radio station for power outage updates.

### Prepare at Home

- Keep a list of emergency telephone numbers by each of your telephones:
  - For Police or Fire emergencies, call 911.
  - To report power outages or downed power lines, call PG&E at (800) 743-5000.
- Keep an emergency kit on hand with a battery-powered radio, flashlights, fresh batteries and a first aid kit. Check to see that your first aid kit is well-stocked and that medications have not expired.
- Stock a supply of easy open, prepared food, a can opener, bottled water and pet food in case of a power outage.
- Keep extra blankets and warm clothes in a safe, dry place in case your heat goes off.
- If you use an electric generator, be sure it is installed properly and let PG&E know you have one. Improperly installed generators put property and the lives of utility workers in the area at risk.

For more information about how to prepare for the Winter storm season, call the Public Services Division at (650) 903-6329.

### Fireplace Burning—Safety Tips:\*

In order to help ensure cleaner air for everyone, experts recommend you minimize use of your fireplace this Winter. If you do light a fire, follow these guidelines provided by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District:

- Burn a mix of softwoods, hardwoods and pressed logs.
- Burn only seasoned firewood. Firewood should dry 6 to 12 months minimum after splitting.
- Don't burn garbage, plastics, rubber, waste solvents, paint or oil, painted or treated wood, particleboard, plywood, or saltwater driftwood, coal or charcoal briquettes, or glossy or colored paper.
- Build a small hot fire and let it burn out completely before bedtime. Burning overnight is a major fire hazard and pollutes all night.

For a copy of the *Woodburning Handbook*, with detailed information about how to burn safely and heat with wood, visit [www.arb.ca.gov/CAP/handbooks/handbooks.htm](http://www.arb.ca.gov/CAP/handbooks/handbooks.htm).

\* On July 9, in order to protect residents from the public health impacts of fine particulate matter, the Air District passed a regulation that makes it illegal to burn wood or firelogs in household fireplaces and woodstoves when the Air District issues a Wintertime Spare the Air health advisory. Regulation 6, Rule 3 also bans the sale and installation of non-EPA-certified wood-burning devices in new construction or re-models, among other stipulations. For more information, check out: [www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov).

**NEW!**

## Walk-to-School Program

Mountain View has received a \$300,000 grant to provide a program to enhance the safety of children who bike and walk to school. The Safe Routes to School Program encourages children to walk or bike to school. The program includes student workshops, parent workshops and other activities designed to provide information and training in order to prepare children to walk or bike to school safely. For more information, call Safe Moves at (408) 374-8991 or visit: [www.safemoves.org](http://www.safemoves.org).



## NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The City is currently moving forward with proposals for three new housing developments in Mountain View. For more information on these proposals, as well as other development projects in the City, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6379.

### Whisman Area Housing

The City is preparing a final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) expected in January 2009 for the possible conversion of a 38-acre site on Whisman Road from industrial land use to residential uses. The area is bounded by Whisman Road on the west, Ferguson Drive on the east, Whisman Station on the south, and properties on the south side of Middlefield Road to the north.

The residential develop could include from 500 to 1,100 residences and would include a 4-acre public park and 37,000 feet of supporting neighborhood commercial uses. The neighborhood would include a mix of residential housing types ranging from detached single-family and row homes to three and four-story stacked flats.

The plan for the new neighborhood was developed over the past two years and included input from community meetings in surrounding neighborhoods and from local businesses. This Fall, public hearings were held on the proposal as part of a public review period. Environmental Planning Commission and City Council hearings on the final EIR and Precise Plan for the project will be held in February and March 2009.

### Mayfield Housing

The City Council is expected to hold a public hearing on December 9 on the remaining phases of a residential housing plan for the former Mayfield Mall site. The Mayfield Master Plan, which was approved by the Council in February 2008, calls for a total of up to 450 units arranged around two public parks on the site.

The Master Plan calls for 42 small-lot single-family detached homes, 15 three-story row houses, and nearly 400 units in several multi-story buildings.

### Grant Road/Levin Avenue Housing

The City Council is expected to review the project and final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a proposed single-family residential subdivision on a 14.5-acre site at the southeast corner of Grant Road and Levin Avenue. The EIR was developed with public input that was gathered at neighborhood meetings. The site was recently annexed into the City of Mountain View and is zoned R1-8 or Single-Family Residential.

The proposed project includes 53 single-family homes on minimum 8,000 sq. ft. lots.

Architectural plans have been submitted for six conceptual unit designs, including a mixture of one- and two-story styles that range in size from approximately 2,900–3,400 sq. ft.



## Stevens Creek Trail

Construction on a new section of Stevens Creek Trail from El Camino Real to a new pedestrian/bicycle bridge at the Sleeper Avenue open space area began in September and should be complete in Spring 2009. This section extends the existing trail that begins in Shoreline at Mountain View and is now more than 4 miles long. When completed, the hiking and biking trail will run from Shoreline at Mountain View to Mountain View High School.

Also under construction is a pedestrian/bicycle overcrossing at Moffett Boulevard and a north-bound off-ramp from Highway 85 that will allow trail users to avoid crossing against traffic.

The trail section from the Sleeper Avenue open space area across Highway 85 to the intersection of Dale Avenue and Heatherstone Way is currently in the design phase. The section of the trail from Dale Avenue and Heatherstone Way to Mountain View High School will be the final phase of the Stevens Creek Trail in Mountain View.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

## Cuesta Annex Plan

This Fall, the City moved forward on selecting uses for the Cuesta Annex site, a parcel of natural open space adjacent to Cuesta Park at the corner of Miramonte Avenue and Cuesta Drive. Currently, Mountain View is developing a Master Plan for the area that will help determine how the land will be used in the future.

The Master Plan calls for agricultural, cultural and passive uses. These may include a meadow, orchard and hiking trails, as well as a community garden. A history museum and flood detention uses are also under consideration for the land.

A draft of the new Master Plan was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission in November. The meeting included an opportunity for the public to provide input. For more information, contact Helen Kim at (650) 903-6311.

## Hangar One Restoration at Moffett

After considering the demolition of Hangar One at Moffett Field due to the structure's contaminated siding, the U.S. Navy has instead decided to remove the siding and encapsulate any contaminated paint on the structural steel framework with an epoxy coating, leaving the framework and floor of the hangar in place. The City has advocated for the re-siding of the hangar.

Questions remain about when and how the hangar will be re-sided and what its future use will be. NASA-Ames, the current owner of the hangar, is working on potential partnerships for residing the hangar and has committed to a public reuse decision-making process that will involve the community and the Cities of Mountain View and Sunnyvale. The Navy is expected to release information about its reuse planning process soon and issue its Final Action Memorandum on the hangar early this Winter. City of Mountain View Council members and staff continue to be involved and work toward the restoration of this important historical landmark. For more information, visit [www.nasa.gov/centers/ames/home/2008/hangar\\_one.html](http://www.nasa.gov/centers/ames/home/2008/hangar_one.html) or call Kevin Woodhouse, Assistant to the City Manager, at (650) 903-6301.



## DOWNTOWN AFFORDABLE FAMILY RENTAL HOUSING

The City Council has selected ROEM Corporation as the developer for an affordable rental housing development. The project is on the southeast corner of Evelyn Avenue and Franklin Street. The new housing project will be a partnership between ROEM, a private design/build company, and the Housing Authority of Santa Clara County.

The new development is expected to offer 40 to 50 family rental units that will be affordable to families earning less than 50 percent of the County Median Income (e.g. \$53,000 for a family of four). The design of the Evelyn Avenue family development will be the subject of an extensive review process that will include focus group meetings and larger community meetings. A parking study will be carried out to ensure that sufficient on-site parking is provided. The development will also include amenities such as a community room, a computer training center for residents, play areas and a landscaped courtyard. Families who either live or work in Mountain View will be given preference when renting the units.

The design phase of the development should be completed by March 2010. Pending the success of the project in competing for State funding and Federal tax credits, construction could start in late 2010. For more information, contact Adriana Garefalos in the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6379.

**Twelve percent of the City of Mountain View is located within special flood hazard areas affected by tidal flooding from the Bay and flooding from Permanente Creek. Below and on the next pages are suggestions for things you can do protect yourself and your property in the event of flooding.**

### Flood Protection Tips

#### Flood Safety

- Do not walk through flowing waters.
- Do not drive through a flooded area.
- Don't drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.
- Have your electricity turned off by the Power Company. Don't use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.
- Look before you step. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.
- Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas have been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

Look for more tips in this edition ▶ ▶ ▶



## Shoreline at Mountain View Marks 25th Anniversary

Shoreline at Mountain View Park marked its 25th Anniversary this fall with a celebration on Sunday, September 28 attended by nearly 3,000 people. Originally a park in 1983. Today, the park contains a 750-acre wildlife refuge, a sailing lake, hiking trails, an 18-hole golf course and salt marsh ponds. The park also features a kiteflying area. Amenities in the park include the historic Rengstorff House, Michaels at Shoreline Restaurant, the Lakeside Café and boathouse. For more information, call the Shoreline Office at (650) 903-6392.



## Senior Advisory Task Force

The City's new Senior Advisory Task Force recently submitted a preliminary report to the City Council assessing the Mountain View senior needs in housing, transportation, recreation and social services. Appointed by the Council, the Task Force is comprised of seniors who are Mountain View residents, as well as professional providers of senior services and programs. The Task Force will deliver its final report to the City Council in March 2009.

The Task Force meets the 4th Monday of every month at the Senior Center. For more information, call the Senior Center at (650) 903-6330 or Task Force Liaison Rae Blasquez at (650) 903-6607.

### Flood Protection Tips

#### Property Protection Measures

Various actions can be taken to flood-proof structures and to minimize the amount of damage caused by flood waters:

- Elevate electrical panel boxes, furnaces, water heaters and washer/dryers, or relocate them to a location less likely to be flooded.
- Install basement floor drains and interior and exterior backwater valves.
- Place interior flood walls around utilities.
- If flooding is likely, and time permits, move essential items and furniture to the upper floors of your home.
- Keep materials like sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, and lumber handy for emergency waterproofing.

More tips on page 5 ▶



## PAL Boxing Program for Youth

The Mountain View Police Activities League is offering a youth boxing program after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. at the Whisman Sports Center.

Currently, twenty-four young people are training and participating in competition.

For more information or to participate, call the Police Athletic League at (650) 903-6139

## NEW CHILD CARE CENTER DEDICATION

Mountain View's new Child Care Center, located at 262 Escuela Avenue near the Senior Center, opened in September. The Child Care Center is operated by the Children's Creative Learning Center (CCLC), a locally-based, national provider of childcare services.

The Center can serve up to 104 children ranging from 6-weeks to 5-years of age. The 7,000 sq. ft. space features seven classrooms, two outdoor play areas, a Community Resource Room and an Art Gate created by Robert Ellison, which is part of the City's Public Art Program. The playground is open to the public after 6 p.m. and on weekends. The Resource Center is managed by a Family Resource Specialist, who is available to provide information about childcare, health, community services and housing. Low-income Mountain View residents receive first priority for enrollment, followed by Mountain View residents, City employees and others.

A portion of the funding for the Mountain View Childcare Center has been made available through a partnership between the City and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. The Family Resource Specialist is funded by a partnership between the City and local family service agencies.

For information regarding the Child Care Center call (650) 938-2252 or visit [www.cclc.com](http://www.cclc.com).



Mountain View Professional Firefighters Pancake Breakfast raised \$11,500 for the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation.



## New Fire Trucks on the Way

The Mountain View Fire Department is in the process of updating the current fleet of seven pumper trucks and one ladder truck. The City's policy is to purchase all new fire equipment from a single manufacturer in order to reduce the cost of the equipment, maintenance and apparatus training. The old equipment will be sold as a trade-in.

The eight new fire vehicles will include frontal air bags, side roll protection, back up cameras, light weight aluminum skin and a fuel system that is in compliance with the EPA 2007 diesel emissions regulations. The new fleet is scheduled to be completed next Spring and will be delivered to the City by June 2009.

The Fire Department will offer free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training to community members in 2009. Over the course of 4 weeks, CERT members receive training in earthquake awareness, disaster fire suppression techniques, disaster medical operations, first aid/CPR, and light search and rescue. All classes are open to the public and taught by trained emergency personnel. For more information and registration for this class, please visit the City's website [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov)



One of the goals of Mountain View youth programs is to help create healthy and responsible young people in our community for life. Based on research from the Search Institute, promoting healthy children, the City strives to implement programs and activities:

- **Support:** Young people need to be surrounded by people who care and accept them.
- **Empowerment:** Young people need to feel valued, confident, and feel safe and respected.
- **Boundaries and Expectations:** Young people need clear boundaries for breaking rules, and encouragement to do better.
- **Constructive Use of Time:** Young people need to be engaged and develop new skills and interests with others.
- **Commitment to Learning:** Young people need to be motivated and a belief in their own abilities.
- **Positive Values:** Young people need to develop good values and healthy life choices.
- **Social Competencies:** Young people need to be able to make difficult decisions, and to cope with new situations.
- **Positive Identity:** Young people need to believe in themselves and have control over the things that happen to them.

For more information, contact Kim Castro, Youth Programs Manager, visit: Project Cornerstone at: [www.projectcornerstone.org](http://www.projectcornerstone.org)

## Focus on Youth Development

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n Resources Manager at (650) 903-6397 or rstone.org.

## 2008 MAYOR'S AWARD WINNERS

Winners of the 2008 Mayor's Awards were honored at a ceremony in City Hall this November. Mayor's Awards recognize outstanding social programs and physical projects throughout Mountain View. This year's winners were selected from a large number of nominations submitted by community members. The twelve-member jury included representatives from local businesses, schools, City commissions, neighborhood associations, the community at large, and architecture firms.

Winners of the Social Program category are recognized for their contributions to the City in the areas of education, youth development, human services, tolerance and inclusivity. This year's winners are:

**Mountain View Reads Program**—Social Contribution

**Freestyle Academy of Communications and**

**Technology Program**—Educational Contribution

**Reading Partners at Mariano Castro Elementary**

**School Program**—Educational Contribution

**AVID Program—Mountain View High School—**

**Youth Development Contribution**

**One Dollar for Life Program**—Youth Development

**Contribution**

**Day Worker Center**—Human Services Contribution

**Mountain View-Los Altos High School District's**

**Post-Senior and Adult Students with Developmental**

**Disabilities Programs**—Tolerance, Inclusivity and

**Involvement Contribution**

Winners of the Physical Projects category are recognized for high quality architectural design, landscape and site plan design, environmental enhancements, or significant remodeling efforts. These projects may be residential or commercial properties, parks or other community spaces. This year's winners are:

**645 Ellis Street** (Specialty's Café & Bakery and Peet's

Coffee & Tea) **Renault & Handley Industrial and**

**Commercial Real Estate**—Architectural Design

**Devonshire Park**—Landscape and Site Plan Design

**Sierra Vista Park**—Landscape and Site Plan Design

**Google Solar Panel Installation**—Environmental

Enhancement

**Moffett Laundromat**—Environmental Enhancement

**2440 West El Camino Real, 2nd and 3rd Floors**

—**Silicon Valley Community Foundation**—

Commercial, Industrial or Residential Remodel

For more information, call Kimberly S. Thomas,

Assistant to the City Manager at (650) 903-6210.

Learn more about the  
2008 Mayor's Award-winners at  
[www.mountainview.gov/news](http://www.mountainview.gov/news)

## Annual Mayor's Youth Conference

In November, more than 100 local teens attended this year's Annual Mayor's Youth Conference at the Mountain View Civic Center. Students from local high schools met to learn about leadership and to discuss this year's theme: Your Community, Your Vision, Your Impact. The Conference focused on ways in which youth can become civically engaged, giving students tools to help them write letters to public officials and newspapers, make public presentations and plan civic events. Many of the delegates will follow up the Conference by creating and implementing a civic activity. For more information, contact Kim Castro, Youth Resources Manager at (650) 903-6397.



## Toys Needed for Holidays

The Police Department will be collecting toys for needy Mountain View children this holiday season through the Cops That Care program. The toys that are collected from the community will be distributed to needy children at a free, special event on Saturday, December 20 at the Police Department Auditorium at 1000 Villa Street. The program is open to all Mountain View residents. Children must be under 18 and attend the holiday event with a parent or guardian to receive a gift.

Beginning December 8, people wishing to donate gifts can bring new, unwrapped toys to the Police Department at 1000 Villa Street Monday through Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Toys for older children, including gift certificates, are especially needed.

For more information, contact Public Information Officer Liz Wiley at (650) 903-6357.

## NEW POLICE YOUTH SERVICES UNIT

Mountain View was the only city in Santa Clara County to receive a California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Grant from the State this year. The City will receive \$162,000 in funds over three years for gang-prevention efforts. The grant is a matching competitive grant that the Council has decided to use as partial funding to create a Youth Services Unit (YSU).

The new Youth Services Unit has dedicated resources tasked with diversion, prevention and intervention of youth before they enter gangs or to help them exit from gang life. The Youth Services Unit includes a new Sergeant position funded in FY 2008 09 and an existing Officer position to create this unit. In addition, the grant money will be utilized for services with Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC) for counseling. Together with existing staff like the School Resource Officers (SROs), this new unit will assist in making the City's gang-prevention efforts more flexible and multilayered to meet the needs of our community. This unit focuses on ways to prevent or divert young people away from entering gangs and to help current gang members find ways to break away. For more information on the City's Gang Prevention efforts, contact Tony Lopez, Lieutenant, at (650) 903-6759.

## Developing a New Area-Wide Notification System

In February 2008, Santa Clara County decided to move ahead with purchasing a regional public and internal mass notification system. The new Alert and Warning Call Out System enables local governments to send large numbers of users messages that would enhance public safety, such as evacuation instructions or the location of earthquake assistance. The system can send notifications to a user's land line, cell phone, text message, E-mail, and/or other communication device at any time, from any place. Mountain View was selected as one of the first cities to implement this program.

The City will be conducting an informational outreach campaign in the near future to notify the community about the program. It will be easy to sign up for notifications by phone or on the internet. For more information, call the Office of Emergency Services at (650) 903-6825.



## Flood Insurance

Standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to floods. However, the City of Mountain View is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program, which makes it possible for property owners to obtain federally-backed flood insurance. This insurance is available to any owner of insurable property (a building or its contents—tenants may insure their personal property against flood loss).

A participant of the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System, the City earns a 10 percent-discount on insurance rates for the community by exceeding minimum standards for flood risk reduction. This discount applies to National Flood Insurance policies issued or renewed. The actual cost of insurance will vary depending upon the amount of coverage and degree of flood hazard.

In certain instances, such as the purchase of a home with a federally-backed mortgage, National Flood Insurance is required. Individuals should contact their insurance companies for flood insurance costs.

# CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

*Keeping  
citizens connected,  
keeps communities  
strong*

## Volunteer with the City of Mountain View

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. For more information, call Rae Blasquez, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or visit [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov) to download a volunteer application.

*"I have been a Mountain View resident for 43 years. For the past two years, I have volunteered in Children's Services at the Mountain View Public Library. It's a great way to give back to the community, and I find it very personally rewarding. I'd tell anyone who is considering volunteering to go for it; it's fun, and you get the opportunity to work with some wonderful people."*

—Gail Hart  
Library Volunteer

## Current Volunteer Opportunities

**Current Deer Hollow Farm–School Year Teaching Docents**—Volunteers are needed to teach small groups of elementary school children about the farm and garden, and Native American studies. Training is provided and no experience is necessary. School year classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Call Deer Hollow Farm for more information at (650) 903-6430 or E-mail [dhfarms@mountainview.gov](mailto:dhfarms@mountainview.gov)

**Center for Performing Arts–Ushers**—Assist patrons at scheduled performances. The next usher training will be held Monday, March 16 and Monday, March 23, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the Center. No pre-registration required. Volunteers must attend both sessions. For more information, contact Liz Nelson at (650) 903-6568 or [Liz@mvcpa.com](mailto:Liz@mvcpa.com)



*"I volunteered for the City at the Senior Center since 2004. I've found that the benefits of volunteering are reciprocal. It's a win-win situation. The one prerequisite is genuine participation. A willingness to connect with your fellow community members is first and foremost when it comes to volunteering."*

—Rose Salido  
Community Services Volunteer



**Library Services–Children's Services**—Organize and shelf books, magazines, videos, CDs, cassettes, or books on tape. Volunteers must be at least 13 years of age and must be responsible, multi-task-oriented and flexible. A brief interview will be scheduled. For more information, contact Maynard Martinez at (650) 526-7043 or E-mail [maynard.martinez@mountainview.gov](mailto:maynard.martinez@mountainview.gov)

**Senior Services–Front Desk**—Greet and give information to senior visitors. Shifts are flexible and available M–F, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Megan Garverick at (650) 903-6448 or E-mail [megan.garverick@mountainview.gov](mailto:megan.garverick@mountainview.gov)



**Senior Services–Computer Lab**—Assist seniors in the technology center. Shifts are available M–F, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. For more information, Megan Garverick at (650) 903-6448 or Email [megan.garverick@mountainview.gov](mailto:megan.garverick@mountainview.gov)

**Senior Services–Blood Pressure Nurses**—Registered Nurses or Certified Nurses Assistants are needed to provide free blood pressure screening for seniors on a monthly basis. Schedules determined by availability. An active nurse's license is required. For more information, contact Lauren Merriman at (650) 903-6330 or E-mail [lauren.merriman@mountainview.gov](mailto:lauren.merriman@mountainview.gov)

**Shoreline at Mountain View**—Shoreline Park seeks friendly volunteer docents 18 years and older for the following jobs:

- **Environmental Docent**—Help educate the public about the maritime history, landfill legacy, unique ecosystems and environmental processes at Shoreline at Mountain View Park.
- **Curriculum and Exhibit Designers**—Support the ongoing development of curriculum for school and community groups, as well as in increasing seasonal exhibit opportunities at Rengstorff House.
- **Other Shoreline Park Positions**—Volunteers are needed to work as Shoreline and Stevens Creek Trail patrol rangers, gatehouse volunteers, and Rengstorff House docents and gardeners

For more information on any of the above positions, contact Kristina Rockhold at (650) 903-6073 or E-mail [kristina.rockhold@mountainview.gov](mailto:kristina.rockhold@mountainview.gov).

## Amateur Radio Operators Needed

FCC licensed amateur radio operators are needed to assist the Mountain View Fire Department with communications during communitywide emergencies. For more information, contact Lynn Brown, Coordinator, Office of Emergency Services, at (650) 903-6825.

*If you have an idea, or talent  
to offer, or want to join our team,  
call the Volunteer Services Office  
today at (650) 903-6607*

*"Since April 2003, I've volunteered for the Mountain View Police Department. I like getting to interact with other volunteers, police, and the public, most of which express appreciation for us giving our time to the community. Plus, my volunteer work is so different from my regular job that it's almost like a vacation."*

—Jay Skiles  
Police Department Volunteer



**Police Services**—is seeking volunteers to assist in the following positions.

- **Community Outreach**—Assist staff at community events, festivals and fairs. Volunteers are needed for a minimum of 3 events per year for 3 hours shifts.
- **Home Security Inspection**—Volunteers are needed to assist with security evaluations.

Volunteers with a background in home construction, home security, or related field that would give them insight and proficiency into how a home could be made safer. A commitment of 5 hours per month is needed for this job with flexible hours. Additional training is provided.

**Field Assistance Volunteer**—Conduct tobacco compliance checks, assist with outreach in the false alarm program, patrol parks, provide information to the public and assist patrol teams with traffic enforcement and neighborhood canvasses. Volunteers must be able to dedicate at least 4 hours per month during normal business hours—8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Sunday. Training provided.

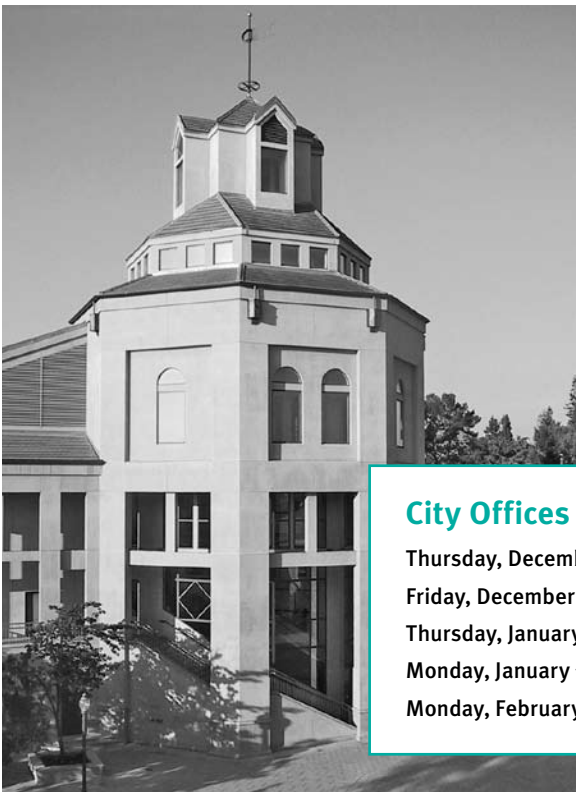
For more information, contact Gina Kaitlen at (650) 903-6749 or E-mail [pdvolunteers@mountainview.gov](mailto:pdvolunteers@mountainview.gov)

**Community Outreach Program**—Volunteers bilingual in English and Russian or Spanish are needed to assist staff in providing information about City services at various fairs and events. Requires a 2-4 hour weekend commitment with training provided. For more information, contact Blanca Cinco at (650) 903-6545 or E-mail [blanca.cinco@mountainview.gov](mailto:blanca.cinco@mountainview.gov)

*The View* newsletter is part of the City's community outreach and information program—should you have any questions about the latest *View*, please call (650) 903-6210 or send an E-mail to: [kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov](mailto:kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All dates and locations are subject to change. Check out the website, KMTV, or contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.



## Upcoming Community Event

**Cops That Care Toy Distribution Event**  
Saturday, December 20,  
1000 Villa Street  
See page 4 for more information

### City Offices will be closed:

Thursday, December 25 for Holiday  
Friday, December 26 for Holiday  
Thursday, January 1 for New Year Holiday  
Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King Day  
Monday, February 16 for Presidents' Day

## Regular Meetings Calendar Council, Board, Committee and Commission Meetings

All dates and locations are subject to change. Check out the website, KMTV, or contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.

**City Council** – Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

**Library Board** – Meets the third Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Library Conference Room, Library, 585 Franklin Street

**Environmental Planning Commission** – Meets the first and third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

**Human Relations Commission** – Meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

**Parks and Recreation Commission** – Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue

**Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee** – meets the last Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

**Downtown Committee** – meets Tuesday of every other month at 8:00 a.m.

**Performing Arts Committee** – Meets the third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., SecondStage, Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street

**Visual Arts Committee** – Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street

**Youth Advisory Committee** – Meets the first Monday of the month at 4:30p.m., Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue

**Senior Advisory Task Force** – Meets Sept., 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan. 26., and February 23, 5 p.m. Senior Center, 266 Escuela

### Abbreviation Guide\*

**CC** Council Chambers, City Hall  
**PCR** Plaza Conference Room, City Hall  
**ACR** Atrium Conference Room, City Hall  
**CPA** Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street

## Looking ahead to the U.S. Census: 2010 and Counting

The U.S. Constitution mandates that the Census Bureau make a count of every person living in the country once every ten years in order to apportion Congressional representation and distribute Federal funds. The next census is scheduled for 2010.

Everyone is legally required to take part in the census. Take part by taking a few minutes to fill out your census form when it arrives in the mail. For more information, visit: [www.census.gov/2010census](http://www.census.gov/2010census)

### Your link to E-government!

Available on a on a computer, laptop, or PDA near you—streaming and archived City Council and Environmental Planning Commission Meetings. Visit: [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov)

## Annual Tree Lighting Celebration

Come celebrate with your family and friends at the Mountain View Tree Lighting Celebration on Monday, December 8, 2008, from 6:00-8:00pm at Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro Street. This annual, free event features lively holiday music performed by local groups, refreshments, holiday lights and the chance for children to have their picture taken with Santa. Entertainment begins at 6:00pm, followed by the tree lighting and Santa's arrival shortly thereafter.

In the spirit of the season, everyone is encouraged to bring a can of food to donate to the Share the Cheer Holiday Food Drive, which benefits the Mountain View Community Services Agency. For more information call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331

## Holiday Train Comes to Mountain View Dec. 7

On Sunday, December 7 at 7:20 p.m., Caltrain's Holiday Train will stop in Mountain View at the transit center on Castro Street. The train will be decorated with holiday lights and bring Santa for a short visit. There will be a 20-minute show with costumed characters, carolers and candy canes.

The Salvation Army and Marine Corps Reserve will be collecting toy donations for needy children.

For more information, visit the Caltrain website: [www.caltrain.com](http://www.caltrain.com)



2009 Arbor Day  
Tree Planting forms  
can be found online at  
[www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov)

## Plant a Tree for Arbor Day

The City of Mountain View celebrates Arbor Day on Saturday, March 14, 2009, in Pioneer Park with a variety of events, including tree planting. The City also plans to make approximately 125 new trees available to individual residents this year for planting on their property.

The planting event is part of the City's forestry restoration efforts and the celebration of the State of California's Arbor Day.

Residents who wish to participate in the tree planting must fill out and submit the request form found at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov) by 5:00 p.m. on January 23, 2009, and agree to plant and maintain the tree on their property. If the number of requests for trees exceeds the number of trees available, names will be drawn at random. The City will deliver the tree of choice to eligible residents during the week of March 9, 2009.

### Residents may choose from five varieties of trees.

- The **Red Maple** is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, steady watering and will grow to 50 feet with leaves that range from yellow to red in the fall.
- The **Krauter Plum** is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, moderate watering, grows to 20 feet and blooms with light pink flowers.
- The **Brisbane Box** is an evergreen tree with inconspicuous flowers that can tolerate some shade, has low watering requirements and grows up to 60 feet high.
- The **Crape Myrtle** is a deciduous tree with showy, pink summer flowers. It grows to approximately 25 feet high.
- The **Chinese Pistache** is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, moderate watering, and grows to 60 feet with leaves that turn red, yellow and orange in the fall.

For more information about Arbor Day activities, call the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273.

### Flood Protection Tips

### Flood Map Information

Upon request, the City will provide the public, lending institutions, real estate agents and insurance agents with certain flood map information. Call (650) 903-6311 during normal business hours or visit the Public Works Department at City Hall to receive:

- Classification of whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area;
- Additional flood insurance data for a site such as the Flood Insurance Rate Map zone, base flood elevation or depth;
- A handout on the flood insurance purchase requirements.